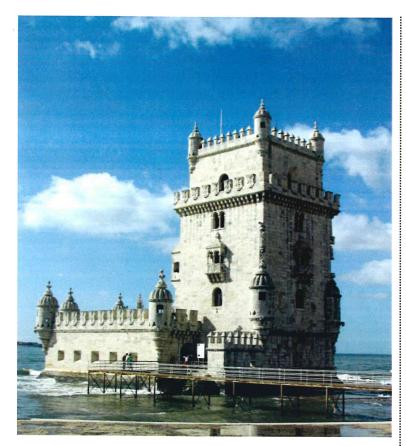
## Alameda Recreation and Park Department presents...

# Portugal & Its Islands

October 10 - 22, 2014



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13 Days • 18 Meals: 11 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 6 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Lisbon, Folkloric/Fado Dinner Show, Portuguese Riviera, Fatima, Obidos, St. Michael Island-Azores, Ponta Delgada, Sete Cidades, Plantation Visits, Furnas Valley, Cooking Class, Madeira Island, Monte, Botanical Garden, Câmara de Lobos, Cabo Girão, Espetada Dinner/Show

#### **ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Day 1 Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4 Hotel Altis, Lisbon

Days 5 – 8 Royal Garden Hotel, Sao Miguel, Azores

Days 9 – 11 Pestana Casino Park Hotel, Funchal, Madeira Island

Day 12 Hotel Altis, Lisbon

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



"Leisure Stays" are tours in which the itineraries are designed to allow for multiple-night stays in two or more cities. This allows you a more leisurely pace and more time to explore the destinations on your own.

Day 1: Friday, October 10, 2014 Overnight Flight Day 2: Saturday, October 11, 2014 Lisbon, Portugal - Tour Begins Welcome to Portugal where Old World traditions continue to thrive. A four-night stay in Lisbon, four nights on the Azorean island of St. Michael and three nights in Madeira introduce you to medieval towns, coastal villages, natural landscapes, Portuguese cuisine, regional wines and folkloric entertainment. Tonight, begin your journey with a welcome dinner. (D) Day 3: Sunday, October 12, 2014 Lisbon - Sintra - Cascais - Estoril -**Lisbon** A tour of Lisbon features the Moorish Alfama Quarter, Jeronimo's Monastery (UNESCO World Heritage site), the Monument to the Discoveries, and the Tower of Belem (UNESCO). Later, explore the town of Sintra, another UNESCO site and summer residence of Portuguese kings for six centuries. Continue to Cascais and Estoril, coastal resorts dotted with specialty shops. Tonight, enjoy regional cuisine complete with wine and Fado music

(UNESCO). (B, D)

Day 4: Monday, October 13, 2014 Lisbon - Fatima - Nazare - Obidos - Lisbon Travel to Portugal's "Silver Coast," a region of sleepy villages, rich vineyards and age-old castles. Begin in the pilgrimage town of Fatima and see the famous Basilica. Next, view the magnificent Batalha Monastery (UNESCO). Continue to Nazare and picture-perfect Obidos, where white-washed houses are guarded by medieval city walls. (B)

Day 5: Tuesday, October 14, 2014 Lisbon - St. Michael, Azores - Ponta Delgada - Sete Cidades Fly\* to St. Michael, the largest of the nine volcanic islands that form the Azores archipelago. A walking tour of Ponta Delgada features the "Portas da Cidade" (The City Gates), Saint Christ's Church, St. Sebastian Church with 17th-century painted tiles, the Jesuit College and the seashore promenade. Later, visit the twin lakes of Sete Cidades (Seven Cities), one of the region's most beautiful natural settings. Composed of two lakes inside a volcanic crater, it is the island's most popular national park. From the edge of the crater, one lake appears blue (reflecting the sky) and the other looks green (reflecting the ground). Your day concludes with a magnificent view of the coastal village of Mosteiros. (B, D) Day 6: Wednesday, October 15, 2014 Ponta Delgada - Plantation

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Afterwards, stroll through the botanical garden of Terra Nostra Park.

home to the world's largest collection of camellias. Next, explore caldeiras das Furnas, the town's famous hot springs area. (B, L)

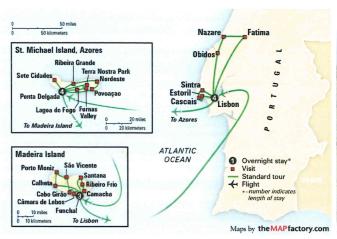
Day 7: Thursday, October 16, 2014 Optional Whale and Dolphin

Watching - Cooking Class Enjoy a morning at leisure to explore Ponta

Delgada or take an optional whale and dolphin watching excursion. Late afternoon, discover the secrets of Azorean cuisine with an interactive cooking class at one of the island's most popular restaurants. Learn how the Azoreans use traditional old recipes when making tasty soups, fish and meat dishes, and tasty desserts. Your evening concludes with a sumptuous dinner. (B, D)

Day 8: Friday, October 17, 2014 Ponta Delgada - Lagoa do Fogo - Ribeira Grande - Nordeste - Povoaçao See the fascinating landscape of Lagoa do Fogo (Fire Lake), a mystical lake surrounded by mountains. Visit Ribeira Grande, known for its historic 16th and 17th century buildings. See the city hall, Church of Our Lady, and the eight-arch bridge, a symbol of the town. Next, discover the art of painted ceramics during a studio visit. Then, stop at a family-owned distillery to taste some of the all-natural local liqueurs. Continue to the highest part of the island, scenic Nordeste, where you will explore the natural beauty of Ribeira dos Caldeiroes Natural Park with its waterfalls, watermills and unique vegetation. Your day ends in Povoaçao, home of the island's first settlement and oldest church.

(B)







### Per Person Rates: Double \$4,749; Single \$5,449; Triple \$4,719

Included in Price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$230 per person, Round Trip Air from San Francisco Intl Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Your price is not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Once deposited, you have 7 days to send us written consumer consent or withdraw consent and receive a full refund. (See registration form for consent.)

Day 9: Saturday, October 18, 2014 St. Michael, Azores - Funchal, Madeira - Monte - Botanical Garden Fly\* to Madeira Island, the "pearl of the Atlantic." Madeira boasts a subtropical climate, majestic mountain ranges and volcanic caves. Stop in Monte, perched on the hills overlooking Funchal. Visit the Botanical Garden of Madeira with its vast collection of exotic and indigenous birds and more than 2,500 plants from all continents. Discover Madeira's history during a leisurely-paced tour of Funchal's charming plazas, colonial mansions, 15th-century cathedral and local market. (B)

Day 10: Sunday, October 19, 2014 Funchal-Câmara de Lobos-São Vicente-Porto Moniz-Calheta Visit Câmara de Lobos, a traditional village with a wonderful bay. Continuing along mountain roads, pass banana plantations and vineyards on your way to Cabo Girão, the world's second highest cliff. São Vicente, a charming agricultural town, offers dramatic views. Explore the lively fishing village of Porto Moniz, renowned for its natural volcanic pools. Also visit Calheta, home to a working sugar mill. Nearby Paul da Serra plateau also offers amazing views. (B)

Day 11: Monday, October 20, 2014 Funchal - Camacha - Ribeiro Frio - Santana Wind through the mountains to Camacha, a village known for wicker crafts. In Poiso, visit the island's third highest point, Pico do Arieiro. Next, visit Ribeiro Frio ("cold river"), famous for its trout farm. Continue to Santana, a village characterized by small triangular homes thatched with straw. Visit a family-owned embroidery shop for a first-hand look at this delicate craft followed by a tasting of world-famous Madeira wine. Celebrate your Madeira adventure with a traditional dinner known as "espetada." Folk dancers and music entertain as you feast on a local dish of beef marinated in

herbs and cooked over an open fire. (B, D)

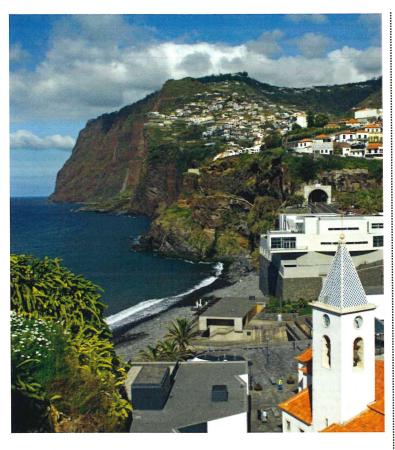
Day 12: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 Funchal - Lisbon Return to Lisbon and spend the remainder of the day at leisure. Later, bid "adeus" to Portugal during a farewell dinner at St. George's Castle, beautifully situated on a hilltop overlooking the city of Lisbon. (B, D)

Day 13: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 Lisbon - Tour Ends (B)

#### **Experience It! The Azores**

The Azores, or Açores (Portuguese for goshawks), are the ultimate islands. Truly isolated, they rest some 900 miles west of Lisbon and 2,110 miles east of New York City. Their volcanic origins created mountains and valleys covered with rich and varied vegetation, lakes resting in ancient craters, hot springs, fumaroles and thermal fountains. Travelers experience spring-like temperatures year-round. Warmer weather sometimes lasts until late December, just right for exploring seaside villages, bustling harbors, and cities overflowing with architectural treasures. The islands offer churches, palaces and museums - all framed by a breathtaking landscape. Walk along stunning mountainsides, cool off in natural volcanic swimming pools or enjoy lush gardens. The island of St. Michael - perfect for those seeking nature and adventure - is known for its flowering vegetation and extraordinary lakes. St. Michael also features Europe's only pineapple and tea plantations. Join us and discover the natural wonders of these amazing islands.

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#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

To complete your vacation, we <u>include</u> roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Collette airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your <u>own air</u>, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Included breakfasts are buffet breakfasts.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

\*Flights from Lisbon to St Michael, Azores (2 ½ hours) and Madeira Island (2 hours) to Lisbon (90 minutes) are not included in the land-only price of this tour.

This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

Air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

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RES#: 574258 TRAVEL DATE: 10/10/2014 TERRITORY: W2

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Alameda, CA 94501-7410

First deposit of \$480 (which includes cancellation waiver and insurance) per person due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of 5/5/2014 are based upon availability. Final payment due by 8/11/2014. The waiver insurance fees are fully refundable up to 5/12/2014.

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